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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, with:

The present invention relates to a software management system comprising a network system which includes a center server and a local server connected to the center server via a wide-area network, such that the center server manages the whole wide-area network. More particularly, the invention relates to a software management system which features an improved function